## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	) Examiner: A. Mathews
Shuichi YABU	)
Application No.: 09/811,447	: Group Art Unit: 2851
Filed: March 20, 2001	)
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, GAS REPLACING METHOD, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	: ) : ) : June 24, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before issuance of an Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

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